

Year 2's Newsletter



September 2020

Welcome to Year 2

Welcome back, we hope you had a pleasant summer break. We've had a fab few days with our lovely classes and we're very excited about the year ahead! Thank you for all your hard work and effort with the Summer Homework. The children have enjoyed sharing their work, and we have been very impressed with the creativity! We will finish sharing the work over the next few weeks.

Our learning

What is brilliant about Buxton?

The children have already taken home an overview of the topic which tells you all about what we will be learning during this exciting half term!

Reminders

- PE is on a Tuesday and Friday, so please remember PE kits. Please leave them in school until half term so they are available for each session. Please remember to clearly label all clothing and footwear with your child's name. We also ask that children wearing earrings come to school with these removed or taped up on the days they have PE.
- A 'Reading Scheme Book' will be sent home on Monday in a book bag with a reading diary and we will collect these in on Friday, to allow us to leave them untouched over the weekend before sharing out again. We expect you to read with your child for at least 10 minutes each night and to record in their diary, so we know it has been read.
- Homework will be sent home on a Monday in the children's book folders. This will consist of a piece of Maths or English to complete, and spellings to practise. Please ensure that your child's completed homework is put into their book folder and brought into school every Friday. Please see the attached letter for me information.
- Don't forget to send water bottles in each morning and we will send them home each night for a wash. We would recommend a school one which can be purchased for £1 from the school office.
- Please send in 1 healthy snack a day for morning break, fruit will be provided by school from Monday 7th September.
- If you need to speak to us, after-school is the best time once we have safely seen all the children out of school. You can also leave a message with the school office and we will get back to you as soon as we can.

We are very much looking forward to working alongside you this coming year.

Miss Samadram, Miss Gough, and The Year 2 Team

Important Dates:

Tuesdays and Fridays - PE day (please remove earrings).

Fridays - return book folder with homework and reading scheme book inside.

- Spellings - this year, we have decided to change the weekly spelling homework and ~~following~~ spelling test. We often find that although children get 100% on spelling tests, they do not spell the words correctly within their writing. We intend that these changes will

improve children's spelling in all their writing. Your child will not be doing a weekly spelling test; ~~instead, y~~ as a result of this. ~~Children need multiple and meaningful exposure to concepts, including the spellings of words, for it to "stick". Most children need to read the words, write the words, and interact with the words through hands-on spelling activities to really know them, instead of a one-off test.~~

~~Over the years, we have found that getting 100% on a weekly spelling test does not mean a child has mastery over those words. Most children, even those who score well in a test, will misspell the same word in their writing.~~

~~Just because a child can memorise words for a test does not mean they understand the logic or reasoning behind the spelling of words and spelling patterns and rules ????~~

- Your child will be given a list of spellings based on the sounds/spelling. ~~Spelling~~ patterns they have learned about in their Phonics/spelling lessons. At the back of your child's homework journal, you will find a 'menu' ~~is~~ of activities for your child ~~that the teacher or child will choose from in order~~ ~~to~~ investigate and play with the spelling patterns.